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REPORT FROM CUBAN MRR TRAINING BASE

CHET HUNTLEY: "This man (photo close-up) is Manuel Artime, a one-time soldier in Castro's army and later the man in charge of Castro's land reform program. Their split over communist influences in that program eventually led Artime to the post of political commander of the exile force at the Bay of Pigs and a term of more than a year in a Cuban prison. Today, Artime heads one of several Cuban exile military forces. It's called the Movement of Revolutionary Reform, and this pitchfork is its emblem.

"His group carried out the raid on the sugar mill at Pilon, the most successful exile operation since the Bay of Pigs. The raiders destroyed 70,000 bags of sugar, badly damaged the sugar mill, and captured an arsenal of Russian weapons.

"Under conditions of strictest security, we sent a reporting team to film the MRR as it trained for new raids on the Cuban mainland. We agreed to say only that reporter Jeffery Pond covered this story somewhere in Central America."

FIIM CLIPS WERE SHOWN OF MRR TROOPS IN TRAINING.
POND REPORTING FROM SCENE:

POND: "Last October, this was just another patch of Central American jungle, alive with monkeys, snakes and parrots. They're still around, but Cuban exile soldiers have pushed them back a few yards to build this camp. It's one of eight secret bases where Manuel Artime's Movement of Revolutionary Recovery trains men for missions against Fidel Castro. Security is tight; we cannot show the men's faces.

"This base has an airstrip 2,000 feet long. Artime's recruits run it five times every morning. Their instructors want them tough enough to survive the jungles and mountains of Cuba,